

The church that Varick started, A hundred years ago; Mother Zion filled with gladness, And Centennial glow.

Shout, O shout in "Mother Zion," Here your offerings bring; Wave, O wave our Zion Banner, Make the welkin ring.

Varick's faith pierced gloom and dark; A hundred years ago; [ness] Boiling on 'mid joy and sadness, Gospel seed to sow.—Choro.

Zion's banner, see it floating; Skyward let it wave; Soldiers, come to save.—Choro.

... District Centennial Jubilee. BY REV. A. A. CROOK.

... Editor—I wish to give a brief sketch of the Centennial Jubilee of our great Zion held by the Washington district conference of the North Carolina Conference, at Greenville, N. C., September 14th.

... Bishop Harris' appointments. OCTOBER Salisbury, N.C.

... The Afro-American women of Atlanta, Ga., covered themselves with honor and glory when they met en masse and passed resolutions denouncing the action of the officials of the Atlanta Traction R. R. Company for their indiscreet and ungentlemanly execution of the power vested in them by a biased and prejudiced legislature.

... These patristic, liberty-loving women have sounded the proper key-note and ere long we hope to see the fruit of their labors. They have endeared themselves to the hearts of their fellow-countrywomen by their bold and courageous stand in defense of an ill-fated race.

... In "Majors and Minors" of last week we read with peculiar interest and pleasure a review of "Cotton Land," by Prof. W. F. Fonville, of Newbern, N. C. "Cotton Land" was written by some half-bred Englishman who undoubtedly regarded the servants who happened to come in contact with him as true specimens of fully developed Afro-American manhood.

... The gentleman in question seems never to have heard of our lamented Douglass and Price. He seems not to know that we have Universities, Colleges, Seminaries and Institutes controlled and manned by our own race.

... One big point of his is that the mixed bloods loose their teeth early. What nonsense! How could he examine the teeth of ten million souls in one lone year? The fact is the Anglo-Saxons, as a rule, order false teeth as soon as their natural ones leave them and so do all Afro-Americans who are not averse to them.

... This man is like all others of his class from Europe who come here and pander to the prejudices of the lower class of whites in this country and hardly put foot on American soil ere their nostrils are inflated by the "nigger" stench. We would suggest that Senator Tillman take Mr. Douglass, the author of "Cotton Land," for a sail across the Hellepont and both come back wiser and better men.

... Mr. George H. Thompson, brother-in-law of our Editor, who has been teaching during the summer at Knoxville, Tenn., S. O., spent a day or so at this week with his relatives at Gastonia.

... We were thankful for the subscriptions sent us from the Kentucky and Missouri conferences, but we must confess that the amount of \$18 was quite small from a conference that has as many members on its roll as the Kentucky and provided over by so energetic and interested a gentleman as Bishop W. Clinton, D. D. What was the trouble? We have received no cash list of subscribers yet from the Allegheny conference. Perhaps nearly all the ministers had paid up. You see, brethren, when the general conference put the STAR at one dollar per year, it also said that this one dollar was to be paid in advance.

... We have on our list of salesmen at present 108 persons who receive from 3 to 30 papers weekly. The most of these are doing well and helping materially. The champion STAR seller is our friend, Rev. W. B. Fenderson, S. T. B., of Allegheny, Pa. He sells all his papers—30—and settles promptly at the end of each month. Then, too, the church at Elmira of which Rev. S. L. Crothers is pastor, does most excellently, also the Mobile church of which the great-hearted Dr. Moreland is pastor.

... We have a few on our list who have not made any report whatever and we have been sending them extra copies for nearly two months. We want to say emphatically unless all the salesmen and saleswomen can settle up monthly as we require, we prefer not to have them sell. There must be a rule to everything, and in this case we prefer to keep the papers in the building and sell them for old papers than to pay the postage on them to persons who cannot sell them or who, having sold them, will not remit the money monthly. Unless we hear from the parties referred to within a week after this issue, their papers will be stopped promptly.

... It is rather surprising to observe the large number of our best Sunday-schools which calmly refuse to take our literature after nearly every objection heretofore made against it has been removed. If we had the support of Mother Zion in New York, Wesley in Philadelphia, the Washington churches, Hartford, St. Peter's at Newbern, St. Luke at Wilmington, Evan's Chapel at Fayetteville, Logan Temple at Knoxville, Jacob-st. Tabernacle at Louisville, State-st., Mobile, Washington Chapel, St. Louis and Evansville, our proceeds would be increased over \$100. And besides this, these churches referred to have for their pastors ministers who are considered loyal and who are working for the entire good of the church. There is a little incongruity somewhere; something must be "rotten in Denmark." Do you know who some of these pastors are who allow their schools to take literature from another house? Just glance your eye again over the churches mentioned and their names will possibly be suggested. With the universal patronage of the Sunday-schools there would be but little difficulty in meeting all the expense of this department each quarter.

... The penmanship of many of us is poor at its best; but some letters reach us only by guess on the part of the postal clerks and after reaching us we can scarcely decipher their meaning. There are two in the office now waiting for a complaint from some source so we can enter them and fill the orders. There is another envelope which contained \$1.02 without a line of instruction or any name whatever. There was not even a clear postal mark by which the place might be guessed. Then there are several letters without any signature.

... But the greatest nuisance we have yet had to deal with is the act on the part of two elders in our church in sending stamps. They just licked the stamps and pasted them over the writing so the letters had to be put in water and the stamps soaked off before we got any information. A preacher, saying nothing of an elder, who hasn't any more common sense

... than that is, to be called a leader. Brethren, in ordering, be brief, just say what you mean and mean what you say. This, done, quit.

... Those were grand meetings held at Lancaster, S. C., and Concord, N. C. At Lancaster the Manager was present and witnessed the interest manifested by those good South Carolina brethren, energized by Presiding Elder Jackson, Pastor W. A. Blackwell and Prof. W. A. Douglass. The literary feature possessed some merit and finance for that district reached \$100.

... At Concord Presiding Elder J. W. Thomas tried to beat anything in sight and we would not be surprised but what he has. Elder Thomas not only knows how, but goes to work with a vim to accomplish what he wants. His men are alive and fully interested. The last report tells us that he raised \$250.

... Saturday, October 10th, 10 a. m.—Children's Day—Bishop I. C. Clinton, D. D., Lancaster, S. C., presiding. Singing, "Onward, Christian Soldiers." Scripture lesson and prayer, Rev. J. W. Smith, D. D., Charlotte, N. C. Singing, Addresses—"One Hundred Years' Review of our Sunday-school Work," Rev. M. R. Franklin, "Mother Zion," N. Y. The relation of baptized children to the church," Rev. R. E. Wilson, Cincinnati, Ohio. "How can we make the children of to-day the church of to-morrow?" Prof. David W. Parker, A. M., Tuscaloosa, Ala.

... Sunday, October 11th, 10:30 a. m.—Bishop J. W. Hood, D. D., LL. D., Fayetteville, N. C., presiding. Organ voluntary. Grand chorus. Hymn: "Great God, attend while Zion sings," Rev. B. F. Wheeler, D. D., Ithaca, N. Y. Ten commandments. The Apostles' Creed, Rev. M. H. Ross, Syracuse, N. Y. Chant: "The Lord's prayer." Scripture lessons, Bishop T. H. Lomax, D. D., Charlotte, N. C.; Prayer, Rev. J. W. Thomas, Hymn: "I love to steal awhile away." Sermon, Bishop C. C. Pettie, A. M., D. D., Newbern, N. C. Prayer, Rev. J. S. Cowles, York, Pa. Hymn, Offertory, Doxology and benediction.

... Monday, October 12th, 10 a. m.—Jubilee Day, Bishop Jehu Holliday, D. D., Little Rock, Ark., presiding. Singing, "I am now a child of God." Scripture lesson and prayer, Rev. J. M. Washington, St. Louis, Mo. Singing, Addresses—"The influence of Christianity on the Nation," Bishop I. C. Clinton, D. D., Lancaster, S. C. "America Non-Denominational," Rev. Jacob Thomas, D. D., New Rochelle, N. Y. "Shall the Christian Sabbath be maintained?" Bishop J. B. Small, D. D., York, Pa. "The outlook," Bishop A. Walters, D. D., Jersey City, N. J.

... Monday, 7:30 p. m.—Grand Jubilee Meeting at Carnegie Music Hall, Mayor W. G. Strong, presiding.

... Grand chorus, choir. Prayer by Rev. B. F. Wheeler, D. D., Ithaca, New York. Piano solo, Madam Y. A. Montgomery, New York City. Address—"Past and present of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church," Bishop G. W. Clinton, D. D., St. Louis, Mo. Solo: Madam Marie Selika. Chorus by choir. Original poem. Solo: Madam Sissieretta Jones. Address: "The Negro as a Factor in the development of the American Republic," Bishop C. C. Pettie, A. M., D. D., Newbern, N. C. Chorus by choir. Address, "Industrial Education," Prof. Booker T. Washington, A. M., President Tuskegee Industrial College, Tuskegee, Alabama. Solo, Madam Flora Batson Bergen. Address, "Good Citizenship," Hon. J. C. Dancy, A. M., Salisbury, N. C. Finale: grand chorus. Banquet.

... Programme for the banquet at Carnegie Music Hall, Monday, October 12th, 1896, C. H. Lansing, Jr., Toast Master. "The occasion we celebrate," Mr. E. V. C. Eato, Brooklyn, N. Y. "Our Leaders," Hon. P. B. S. Pinchback, Washington, D. C. "The church," Bishop W. B. Derrick, D. D., Flushing, L. I. Music, "The Mothers of the clergy," Mrs. Frederick Douglass, Washington. "The legal profession," Counselor D. Macon Webster, Brooklyn. "Woman and her mission," Mrs. S. J. S. Garnett, Brooklyn, N. Y. Music, "Afro-American Journalism," Mr. T. Thomas Fortune, N. Y. "Our Country," Hon. J. C. Dancy, Salisbury, N. C. "The Medical Profession," Dr. P. W. Ray, Brooklyn, N. Y. Music, "An Educated Ministry the need of the hour," Rev. H. A. Monroe, D. D., Philadelphia, Pa. "Industrial Education," Prof. Booker T. Washington, A. M., Tuskegee, Ala. "Now and then," Hon. C. H. J. Taylor, Washington, President, E. V. C. Eato, vice-president and secretary, L. H. Latimer, assistant secretary, G. E. Washington, Vice-presidents: J. W. Mars, C. M. Andrews, F. H. Cardman, Counselor T. McCants Stewart, Dr. W. M. Lively, Counselor D. M. Webster, G. A. Manning, J. B. Peterson, J. F. Thomas, C. R. Dorsey, J. R. Braxton, E. B. Dalton, H. Cunningham, C. H. Lansing, Jr., T. T. Fortune, F. R. Moore, Wm. H. Smith, T. I. Fisher, P. W. Downing, F. E. Barreau, Prof. A. A. Dorsey, J. W. Dias, H. T. Mars, T. B. McKee, Dr. T. S. P. Miller, J. P. Saunders, T. B. Francis, James F. Thomas, treasurer.

... Rise of a Great Church. [CONTINUED FROM SECOND PAGE.] Missionary Herald, the Rev. A. J. Warner, D. D., editor. Some of the literary productions of the church are: "Rise and Progress of the Zion Church in America," by Bishop Christopher Rush; "A Brief History of the Church," by Bishop J. J. Moore; a book of sermons, by Bishop S. T. Jones; a book of sermons and a comprehensive history of the church by Bishop J. W. Hood, now senior Bishop.

... The Zion church supports seventeen institutions of learning. Chief of these is Livingstone College, at Salisbury, N. C., founded by the North Carolina annual conference. It was mainly through the efforts of the late Dr. J. C. Price, the well-known educator, that Livingstone College became one of the most noted of the institutions maintained for the higher education of Afro-American youth. The College has four large buildings and several smaller ones. Huntington Hall is the main building, Stanford Seminary, including Hopkins Hall, is used as a dormitory for young women, while the young men occupy Dodge Hall. Ballard Industrial Hall is used for carpentry and cabinet work. The stone used in the construction of the buildings was quarried from the grounds, and the brick made on the grounds by the college people. The college has an appropriation of \$6,000 per annum from the general fund of the church.

... The church has a Book Concern at 353 Bleecker Street, New York. It is controlled by a Board of Managers, of which Bishop A. Walters, D. D., is president. The church also has a large brick publishing house at Charlotte, N. C., from which most of the church publications are issued.

... The growth of the church and its present strength are shown by the following statistics: Number of Bishops 9, general officers 17, presiding elders 80, traveling elders 1,270, local elders 223, traveling deacons 588, local deacons 316, traveling preachers 397, local preachers 1,077 superannuated preachers 76, exhorters 913, membership 497,845, organizations 1,981, church buildings, 1,615, with seating capacity for 604,327, other places of worship 366, valuation of church property \$3,510,189, valuation of parsonage property \$177,162. Conferences including African Mission Conference 37, Sunday-schools 2,174, officers and teachers 13,860, scholars 124,227, superintendents, 2,320.

... Surely the little acorns planted in New York a hundred years ago have grown to a mighty oak. T. THOMAS FORTUNE.

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